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In the matter of trademark application Serial No. 85411955 For the mark LAGUNA LAKES Published in the Official Gazette on February 28, 2012

Consolidated Opposition No: 91204897

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JOHN GERARD MARINO
v.

LAGUNA LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

AFFIDAVIT OF SCOTT M. BEHREN
IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSE TO MOTION TO DISMISS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWN

I appeared and swore and attest as follows:

- 1. My name is Scott M. Behren, Esq. and I have personal knowledge of the facts alleged herein.
- 2. I have been actively prosecuting John Gerard Marino's ("Marino") TTAB Complaints against the Laguna Lakes Community Association, Inc. ("LLCA") over the above-styled trademarks Laguna Lakes' trademark applications.
- 3. Our TTAB Opposition to Serial No. 85411955 is primarily based upon my prior use of the mark and the geographic descriptiveness of the mark.

- 4. Marino's testimony period was originally scheduled to end May 30, 2014. During Marino's testimony period, Marino intended to simply submit his own Declaration and to file a Notice of Reliance including deposition transcripts of previous depositions taken of the LLCA Board. Counsel for the LLCA took the deposition of Marino and was present for the depositions of the LLCA Board Members. At no time did Marino plan on calling, as part of his case, any surprise witnesses or exhibits.
- 4. During Marino's testimony period, and specifically during the week of May 19, 2014, the undersigned counsel was special set to start a jury trial in the case of *David Hopkins v. GelTech Solutions, Inc. et. al.*, Palm Beach Circuit Court Case No: 2008-CA-017955. In the weeks leading up to this special set trial, the undersigned was extremely busy, preparing for that special set trial. As a result of this trial preparation, the undersigned counsel did not actively work to get Marino's declaration submitted to get the discovery depositions of the LLCA Board submitted to the TTAB during Marino's testimony period.
- 5. On May 30, 2014, in order to allow additional time to prepare Marino's Declaration, the undersigned counsel requested an additional seven days to file the subject Declaration and offered to give LLCA counsel the same extension. The undersigned counsel also sought a similar extension of time to file a Notice of Reliance upon certain documents.
 - 6. LLCA counsel opposed such extension. Since that time Marino's

Declaration and Notice of Reliance have been prepared and finalized for immediate filing with this Tribunal. The failure to get together the subject Declaration and Notice of Reliance prior to May 30, 2014, was the fault of the undersigned counsel, due to trial preparation, and was no fault of Opposer. Scott M. Behren State of Florida_ Droward County of SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on the 19 day of June 2014 _ year, by John Gerard Marino who is personally known to me/ or presented the following identification Notary Public. State of Florida EXPIRES: April 04, 2015

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by electronic mail on this 17 day of June 2014 to: Donna M. Flammang, Esq., Brennan Manna & Diamond, P.L., 3301 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 100, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

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